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18. The portable computing device of claim 13 wherein said top shell portion comprises a curved edge or corner.

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19. The portable computing device of claim 12 wherein said leather grain layer is applied to said outwardly facing surface of said top shell portion by adhesive, heat sealing or ultrasonic welding.

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20. The portable computing device of claim 11 wherein said leather grain layer provides a better tactile feel for greater gripping capability.--

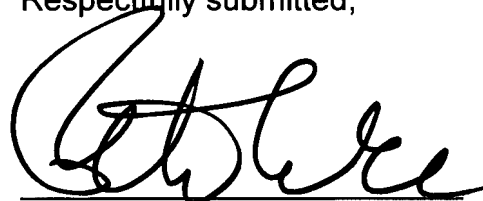
Remarks

The present claims have now been directed to portable computing devices having a central planar surface bordered by a pair of raised lateral side edges, as in claim 1, a portable computing device having a leather grain layer disposed directly and integrally on the outwardly facing surface of the top shell portion, as in claim 8, and a portable computing device having a top shell portion comprising a pair of raised lateral side edges bordering a leather grain layer on opposite sides of said top shell portion, as in new independent claim 11.

Consideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the amended claims.

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